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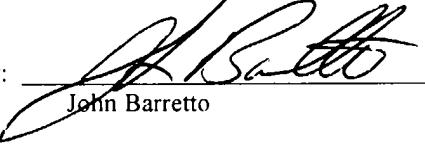
In re Application of: Fine et al. ) Attorney Docket No.: AKT-053.02  
Serial No.: 09/787,325 )  
Filed: June 4, 2001 ) Group Art Unit: 1617  
For: *Combinations of Chromium or Vanadium* ) Examiner: Criares, T.J.  
*with Antidiabetics for Glucose* )  
*Metabolism Diseases* )

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PETITION FOR A THREE-MONTH EXTENSION OF TIME

Dear Sir:

Applicant hereby petitions for a three-month extension of time, from September 3, 2003 up to and including December 3, 2003, pursuant to 37 CFR 1.1.36(a) for filing a response to an Office Action mailed June 3, 2003 in the above-identified application.

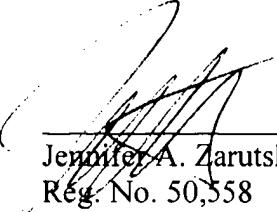
A check in the amount of \$475.00 is enclosed for the extension fee. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to credit any overpayment or charge any deficiencies to Deposit Account Number **06-1448, Reference AKT-053.02**.

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